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**HONORING THE 50TH CHARTER NIGHT ANNIVERSARY OF THE CASEYVILLE, ILLINOIS LION'S CLUB**

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2001*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th Charter Night anniversary of the Caseyville, Illinois Lions Club.

Lions Club International is the world's largest service club association. The Lions Clubs organization has 1.4 million members in more than 44,500 clubs in 185 countries and geographical areas. The Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. The International Association of Lions Clubs began as a dream of Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large. Jones' own group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the country, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 at the La-Salle Hotel in Chicago. The new group took the name of one of the groups invited, the "Association of Lions Clubs", and a national convention was held in October of that year in Dallas, Texas. A constitution, bylaws, objects and a code of ethics were approved.

Just three years after its formation, the organization became international, when the first club in Canada was established in 1920. Major international expansion continued as clubs were established, particularly throughout Europe, Asia and Africa during the 50's and 60's. Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on the Lions Club occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions at their international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. It was there that she challenged the Lions Club to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness". They responded, and now the Lions Club organization is best known for their sight-related programs, including SightFirst, the world's largest blindness prevention program.

Second only to the Lion's commitment in aiding the blind and the visually impaired, is a strong dedication to serving young people. The Lions Youth Outreach Program challenges young people to learn, to achieve and to serve. By focusing on volunteerism, young people are steered away from harmful behaviors and become involved in youth activities. The Leo Clubs program, International Youth Exchange, International Youth Camps and the Lions International Peace Poster Contest are all youth activities sponsored by Lions Club International that promote international cooperation, peace and understanding. The Lions Club International conducts its official business in 11 languages, including English, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish.

The emblem of the Lions Club consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple field. Bor-

dering this is a circular gold area with two Lions profiles facing away from the center. The word "Lion" and "International" appear at the top and bottom. The Lions are meant to face both a proud past and a confident future. This emblem was adopted at the 1919 convention and today Lions throughout the world are recognized by it. The Lions motto, "We Serve" precisely explains their mission and their slogan, "Liberty, Intelligence and Our Nation's Safety" means LIONS.

The Caseyville Lions Club is part of an organization that not only helps those in need, but offers its members opportunities to develop personal friendships and gain valuable leadership skills. They share a common spirit and have been united in a single cause; helping those less fortunate. The Caseyville Lions Club helps tackle tough problems like blindness and combating drug abuse, as well as diabetes awareness programs and finding help and training for the deaf, disabled, underprivileged and the elderly. In fact, wherever the community needs help, the Caseyville Lions Club, like the entire Lions Club organization, is there.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 50th Charter Anniversary of the Caseyville Lions Club and to honor its members both past, present and future.

**TRIBUTE TO ELOISE ROGERS**

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2001*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Eloise Whittington Rogers of Marion, South Carolina, who is retiring after thirty-eight years in public service. She is a greatly admired member of her community, and in her invaluable role as Veterans Affairs Officer has touched countless lives. I join the citizens of Marion County in expressing our deepest gratitude for everything she has done.

Ms. Rogers was born in Florence, South Carolina. After graduating from Marion High School in 1956, she earned an Associate Degree in Business from Carolina College of Commerce in 1966, followed by a second degree in 1969 from the same College. Before entering public service, Ms. Rogers worked as a bookkeeper in Belks Department Store for five years.

Ms. Rogers began her career in public service as a secretary at the Marion County Tax Collector's Office, where she worked for ten years. Ms. Rogers then moved to the Marion County Veterans Affairs Office. She devoted 28 years of her life to this office, working fourteen years as a secretary and fourteen as the Veterans Affairs Officer. During her tenure, Ms. Rogers developed close bonds with many of the veterans of Marion County, and became passionate about ensuring they got the benefits and recognition they deserved.

In addition to the unselfish labor she has provided to the veterans of Marion County for almost three decades, Ms. Rogers has been giving to her community on a variety of different levels throughout her illustrious life. In 1991, she received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Woodman of the World organization. She has been honored with an Outstanding Service award from the Swamp Fox

Chapter No. 87. Ms. Rogers is also a member of the Marion County Historical Commission, the Shannon Wilkerson Scholarship Fund, and is Clerk to Springville Community Poll. A devoted forty-five year member of the Shiloh United Methodist Church, Ms. Rogers serves as the church organist, Missionary Circle President, and on the administrative board, among numerous other roles within the church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Eloise Whittington Rogers for the incredible service she has provided for the veterans and citizens of her community. The world is a better place because of her service, and I wish her happy days in a well-deserved retirement.

**IN HONOR OF LESLIE MATHENEY AND WALTER SUMM**

**HON. DOUG OSE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2001*

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two constituents of mine, Mr. Leslie Matheney for his involvement and sacrifice in WWII and in Korea, and the late Walter Summ for his involvement and sacrifice in WWII.

Mr. Matheney twice served our nation in the U.S. Marine Corps; first in World War II, from January 27, 1942, through February 1, 1946, where Mr. Matheney spent the majority of his service in the Asiatic Pacific Area. He also served aboard the U.S.S. *Vella Gulf* (CVE 111). He re-enlisted on January 24, 1948, to serve in Korea. It was during Mr. Matheney's service in Korea that he earned the Purple Heart. Mr. Matheney was honorably discharged on October 1, 1952.

Mr. Summ served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. *Luetze* during World War II. Mr. Summ was injured in a battle near Okinawa, Japan on April 6, 1945. The U.S.S. *Luetze*, along with Mr. Summ helped in the invasion of Iwo Jima, the reclaiming of the Philippines, and the ultimate defeat of the Japanese navy. Mr. Summ passed away over 30 years ago without having received his Purple Heart and the public recognition he deserves.

I am pleased to report that on July 21, 2001, Mr. Matheney and Mr. Summ's son, Wally, will be presented their Purple Hearts during a public ceremony at the All Wars Memorial in West Sacramento, California. It is with great honor that I take part in this ceremony, and share their stories with you. They are truly America's heroes.

**HONORING MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES C. CANNON, JR.**

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2001*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Major General Charles C. Cannon, Jr. It has come to my attention that General Cannon is retiring after 34 years of exemplary service in the United States Army. He has served his country with dignity, honor, and integrity.